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IMAGE ENCODING METHOD AND : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**
IMAGE DECODING METHOD

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U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/072377 and EP 1303143 (previously cited in an IDS filed April 2, 2009) correspond to JP 2003-143605; and

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